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Dear Shay:

Thank you for the clear and fair analysis of my application. I decided to choose claims 1 – 10 that represent the roller frame itself to be further considered. Though all the claims are related to the roller frame, Claims 11 – 17 can be indeed used independently.

At the same time, Claim 8 is not separately usable and is irrelevant to any tool but the roller frame. Indeed, the only novelty that is actually claimed is the hook's location. Most currently manufactured roller frames have hooks as integral elements of handles or, less frequently, as a separate detail still located next to the lower end of the handle. To prevent the roller sleeve from soaking extra paint when the roller frame is hanged on the grid, the painter starts working with less than 2 gallons of paint in the paint bucket.

Due to the fact that the wet roller sleeve is heavier than the handle, the hanger location can be shifted lower without compromising stability of the roller frame while hanged on the grid. The only purpose of my invention is, as it is stated in the claim, to hang the roller frame 'higher on a grid (a paint rack) fastened in a paint bucket' that 'allows keeping over 3 gallons of paint in the 5-gallon paint bucket with the roller frame hanging on the grid above the paint surface'. As a result, the painter can add paint less frequently than with the traditional roller frame.

Therefore, I would ask you to consider Claims 1 – 10 together in your further evaluation of my application of the roller frame. I would also appreciate if you explain me how I should proceed with my other inventions described in Claims 11 – 17.

Sincerely,

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